

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Washington

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Patricia C. Williams
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Gonzaga JD
Began Service: July 14, 1997
Term Expires: July 13, 2011

Legal Practice: Winston Cashatt (1976-1997)

Current Memberships: National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges;
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Frank L. Kurtz
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Gonzaga 1974 JD
Began Service: 2005

Judicial: Judge, Washington Court of Appeals, Division III (1996-2005)

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John A. Rossmeissl

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1940

Education: Washington State 1962 BA; Chicago 1965 JD
Began Service: 1987

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Robert S. Lasnik
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1951

Education: Brandeis 1972 AB; Northwestern 1973 MS, 1974 MA;
U Washington 1978 JD

Began Service: December 2, 1998

Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Lecturer, University of Washington School of Law (1980)

Government: Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, Criminal
Division, County of King, Washington (1978-1981); Senior Deputy
Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, County of King, Washington
(1981-1983); Chief of Staff, Office of the Prosecutor, County of King,
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Judicial: Judge, Washington Superior Court, King County (1990-1998)

Current Memberships: Washington State Bar Association

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Barbara Jacobs Rothstein
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1939

Education: Cornell 1960 BA; Harvard 1966 LLB
Began Service: February 20, 1980

Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Affiliation: Director, Federal Judicial Center

Academic: Faculty, Washington (1975-1977)

Government: Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General,
State of Washington (1969-1977)

Judicial: Judge, King County Superior Court (1977-1980); Chief Judge,
United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
(1987-1994)

Legal Practice: Widett & Kruger (1966-1968)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar
Foundation; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute;
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Marsha Jean Pechman
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951

Education: Cornell 1973 BA; Boston U 1976 JD

Began Service: October 4, 1999

Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Instructor/Staff Attorney, University of Washington School of
Law (1979-1981); Adjunct Faculty, University of Washington School of
Law (1983-1987); Visiting Clinical Professor, University of Puget Sound
(now Seattle University) School of Law (1986-1987)

Clerkships: Law Clerk/Limited Practice Intern, Greater Boston Legal
Services (1975-1976)

Government: Deputy Prosecutor, Criminal Division, King County
Prosecutor's Office (1976-1979)

Judicial: Superior Court Judge, King County Superior Court (1988-1999)

Legal Practice: Associate, Levinson, Friedman, Vhugen, Duggan, Bland &
Horowitz (1981-1986); Partner, Levinson, Friedman, Vhugen, Duggan,
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Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association; Seattle-King County
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Ronald B. Leighton
District Judge

Date of Birth: May 30, 1951

Education: Whitworth 1973 BA; Hastings 1976 JD

Began Service: November 26, 2002

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Partner, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, Malanca, Peterson &
Daheim L.L.P. (1976-2002)

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